

III. Program Credibility and Effectiveness

The knowledge and skills that form the curriculum content of the software used for the A⁺ Supplemental Program are based on educational standards recognized in the United States:

1. National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
2. National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
3. National Council for Social Studies (NCSS)
4. National Science Education Standards (NSES)
5. Benchmarks for Science
6. Concepts of the Core Knowledge Foundation for Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science

In addition, the software is aligned to Michigan's Core Academic Benchmarks and Objectives and is designed, written and finalized by Master and PhD level educators associated with American Education Corporation (AEC).

For 45 *contact* minutes per day; national statistics provided by AEC in 2002, has shown an average increase in student performance of 30%, differentiated as follows:

- Math/Reading skill levels increased by 38%
- Science skill levels increased by 22%
- Language skill levels increased by 24%
- Social Studies skill levels increased by 30%

Many schools and school districts have adopted a variation of the A⁺ Supplemental Program and have provided testimonials as evidence of the effectiveness and benefits from using the software. See attachment (3) – A⁺ Testimonials.